

Sen. Byrd on Breaking Filibusters

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“I have seen filibusters. I have helped to break them. There are few Senators in this body who were here [in 1977] when I broke the filibuster on the natural gas bill....I asked Mr. Mondale, the Vice President, to go please sit in the chair; I wanted to make some points of order and create some new precedents that would break these filibusters.

And the filibuster was broken – back, neck, legs, and arms....So I know something about filibusters. I helped to set a great many of the precedents that are in the books here.”